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LETTER DATED 18 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter dated 18 January 1995 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granić, addressed to you.

I would kindly request your assistance in distributing this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
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Annex

Letter dated 18 January 1995 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia addressed to the President of the Security Council

After careful consideration of the Presidential statement of 17 January 1995 (S/PRST/1995/2) and the report of the Secretary-General of 14 January 1995 (S/1995/38), concerning the present United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) mandate in the Republic of Croatia, I should like on this occasion to reiterate the decision of the Government of Croatia in this regard, as expressed in the letter dated 12 January 1995 from my President (A/50/64-S/1995/28).

Croatia welcomes the call by the Security Council for strengthening the present negotiating process and intensifying the implementation of the economic agreement of 2 December 1994. Croatia remains steadfast in its commitment to political dialogue and the existing negotiations pursued within the framework of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia. The economic reintegration agreement which is widely discussed in the report of the Secretary-General and endorsed in the Presidential statement, reflects precisely the approach my Government would like and will continue to pursue. This approach also incorporates an objective to achieve a final political settlement in Croatia through well-directed dialogue in the upcoming months.

Lest our decision of 12 January should cause any possible misunderstanding in the upcoming months, I shall on this occasion note that my President's letter should be interpreted as a withdrawal of consent of the host country for the presence of the peace-keeping operation on its soil. The consent has been withdrawn by that letter, but the effects of that decision have been postponed to a later date. The withdrawal of consent by Croatia for UNPROFOR operation on its territory shall become effective on 31 March 1995, at 2400 hours Zagreb time, and the withdrawal of the Force shall be completed by 30 June 1995. My Government hopes that this clarification will be viewed as a constructive step aimed at commencing the carefully managed process of the withdrawal of UNPROFOR troops from Croatia.

(Signed) Mate GRANIĆ